

# Practice Set 2

A Whole Content Based Test for Class 8th English Olympiad

**Directions for Q (1-5)** Read the passage carefully and select the option that you consider the most appropriate answer to each question.

## The History of Ice-Cream

George Washington went into debt over it, Nero sent slaves across his empire due to it and the success of modern day cafès owes a huge debt to it.

It is, of course, ice-cream. The Chinese are credited with being the first to add salt and saltpetre to snow or pounded ice to lower its freezing temperature in order to make frozen dairy dishes. Some experts claim that the process may have started during the Han Dynasty (206 BC - 220 AD), but food writers Weir and Liddell only present evidence from the Tang period (618 AD - 907 AD). However, the love of iced desserts and drinks dates back much further; the earliest ice-house (2250 BC) was unearthed in Iraq.

Nero loved his 'slushees' of snow flavoured with honey, fruit and wine. The Arab world had their 'charabs' and the Turks their 'chorbets'. Even Alexander the Great, after his conquest of Egypt in 332 BC, had 15 trenches dug and filled with snow for his cooled 'punches'!

The 1660s saw water ices in Spain and Italy as well as in the cities of Vienna and Paris, while Venice had its iced creams. However, it took the birth of the cafe to make them a popular fashion. When a Sicilian named Procope opened Paris' first cafe in 1686, it was the sorbets and ice-creams that entranced Parisian society as much as the coffee. Within 100 years, iced desserts had captivated diners from the USA to London to Scandinavia.

In the 1850s, an editor of The Age newspaper in Melbourne, James Harrison, invented the ice-maker and the refrigerator, thus making ice more readily available throughout the year.

## Questions

- The main purpose of the text is to \_\_\_\_\_.
  - compare differences in iced desserts between cultures
  - document the process of making iced desserts
  - recount the development of iced desserts
  - explain the popularity of iced desserts
- In the third paragraph, the writer uses quotation marks around the words 'slushees' and 'punches' to show that \_\_\_\_\_.
  - he wants to emphasise them
  - he is using sarcasm
  - they are modern terms
  - they are taken from another text
- According to the passage, the earliest discovered evidence for the consumption of iced desserts and drinks dates back to \_\_\_\_\_.

a 2250 BC	b 322 BC
c 206 BC - 220 AD	d 618 AD - 907 AD
- Due to James Harrison's inventions \_\_\_\_\_.
  - iced desserts became readily available in Melbourne
  - iced desserts could be made throughout the year
  - a wider range of ice-cream flavours could be created
  - paper cups or dishes were not needed to serve ice-cream
- In the fourth paragraph the word 'captivated' is nearest in meaning to \_\_\_\_\_.

a apprehended	b enthralled
c captured	d arrested
- Find the antonym of the word admitted in the sentence below and accordingly select the best option.  
Sunil admitted his mistake in cheating during the final exams.

a abandoned	b repulsed
c challenged	d denied



18. a I went to Mussoorie for a holiday.  
 b I have cleaned the entire house except for the bathroom.  
 c Take the second turning on the left to reach the bus stand.  
 d The Delhi Vidhan Sabha consisting of seventy members.

**Directions for Q (19-20)** Change the complex sentence given below into a compound sentence and accordingly select the best option.

19. Besides making himself miserable, he makes others unhappy.
- a Despite making others unhappy, he makes himself miserable.  
 b He makes others and himself miserable and unhappy.  
 c He makes others as well as himself miserable.  
 d He makes people beside himself miserable.
20. The problem was too difficult to be solved.
- a The problem was very difficult and therefore we couldn't solve it.  
 b It was impossible to solve the problem.  
 c Because the problem was too difficult, it could not be solved.  
 d The problem was impossible for solution.

**Directions for Q (21-22)** Punctuate the given sentence to make it meaningful and accordingly select the best option

21. do you know if shes eligible and if she is eligible can she start the job tomorrow
- a Do you know if she's eligible, and if she is eligible can she start the job tomorrow?  
 b Do you know if she's eligible and, if she is eligible, can she start the job tomorrow?  
 c Do you know if she's eligible, and if she is eligible can she start the job tomorrow.  
 d Do you know if she's eligible and if she is eligible, can she start the job tomorrow?
22. i am going Rizwan said to ask you a difficult question but you don't have to answer it
- a "I am going," Rizwan said, "to ask you a difficult question, but don't you have to answer it?"  
 b "I am" going, Rizwan said, "to ask you a difficult question, but don't you have to answer it?"  
 c "I am going," Rizwan said, "to ask you a difficult question but you don't have to answer it?"  
 d "I am going," Rizwan said, "to ask you a difficult question, but you don't have to answer it."

**Directions for Q (23-24)** A formal letter is given below with some parts missing, but substituted by rectangles with numbers 23 and 24. Identify the text which the numbers may be substituted by from the options given below.

Customer Service Department  
 Saurabh Educational Publishers

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11th April 20XX

Mr Girish Khurana  
 741, MG Road, Hapur - 245101

**Subject:** Books Received in Damaged Condition

Dear Mr Khurana

Thank you for your letter dated 7th April 20XX regarding books sent by us through courier being received in damaged condition by you. We have contacted the courier agency responsible regarding this problem and will get back to you shortly. We cannot accept any blame in the matter, as we had packed the books securely.

We regret the inconvenience caused.

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Despatch Officer

23. a A well-known publisher  
 b 45 Sarvodaya Nagar, Meerut -250001  
 c First floor, Convenience Mall  
 d c/o Educational Courier Service
24. a With love  
 b Hope to see you soon  
 c Yours sincerely  
 d Saurabh Educational Publishers
25. Find the option which is different from the others in any respect in the four given options. This means that one of the four given options does not belong to the group of the other three.
- a Cub  
 b Bitch  
 c Dog  
 d Puppy
26. Fill in the blank with the most appropriate conjunction and accordingly select the best option.
- Other planets have small moons \_\_\_\_\_ ours is very large compared to the earth.
- a and  
 b that  
 c but  
 d as well as

